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24. (New) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the upper portions in the front regions of each of the left and right chassis members lie in planes that are inclined relative to their corresponding lower portions, such that said chassis assembly forms substantially an A-frame when viewed in cross section at the front regions of the chassis members.

25. (New) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the chassis assembly has unitary, extruded construction.

26. (New) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the left chassis member, right chassis member and at least one cross-member are formed separately from one another.

27. (New) The chassis assembly of Claim 26, wherein the chassis members are welded to the at least one cross-member.

28. (New) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein at least one of the upper portions of each of the chassis members lies in a plane that is inclined between about 60° - 88° relative to the plane of the lower portion.

REMARKS

Claims 14 and 15 have been deleted and replaced with Claims 19 and 20, respectively. New Claims 19 and 20 are believed to have broader claim scope than cancelled Claims 14 and 15. New Claims 21-28 have been added to further define the invention. All of the claims are currently believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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